Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Has the Director of Public Health any right to protest against the action of the Police Constable? Is he above law?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—He only asked for an explanation why this checking was done. It is not a case of protest

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:—Was the licence actually checked by the Policeman?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—It was checked.

Mr. K M. Ibrahim:—Just to safeguard the rights of the non-officials should not there be some fixed rule to decide whether a paper is confidential or not?

Mr. President:—The President cannot force the Government to make rules.

Appointment—Vadakkancheri Munsiff.

4. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the date on which the vacancy of the Vadakkancheri Munsiff, caused by the death of Mr: Raman, was brought to their notice;

(2) the date on which the vacancy was filled up?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—(1) 3rd Edavom 1110.

(2) 25th Edavam 1110.

Mr P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know whether the vacancy was not caused in the course of the midsummer vacation which extended to six weeks?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Had not reports reached Government from the late Munsiff before his demise requesting leave for two months from the date of the reopening of the Court on the 30th of Medom?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— A report had been received.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know when?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Was it not before the reopening of the Court?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— The vacancy was filled up on the 26th of Edavom. May I know when the officer took charge?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— I cannot say off-hand. I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— What is the delay in making the appointment?

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Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— The matter was under consideration.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Are the Government aware that great inconvenience is caused to the litigant public?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Yes. The Government are aware.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier:— What was the matter under the consideration of the Government?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— The whole arrangement consequent upon the filling up of the vacancy.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— As a matter of fact did they make the whole arrangement consequent on the filling up of the vacancy of Mr. A. K. Raman?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Did they appoint a Magistrate whose vacancy occurred by the promotion of a Magistrate on the 25th of that month?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— Is it not a fact that the appointment of a Magistrate took place weeks after this appointment and so there was no Magistrate's court for a long time?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— May I know why did not the Government think at least to make a temporary arrangement during the period?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— The Government did what was possible under the circumstances.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— May I know, Sir, whether an additional Munsiff was not working at Trichur during that period?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Who was the officer appointed as Munsiff?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— Mr. Subramania Ayyar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Was Mr. Subramania Ayyar first appointed as the Munsiff of Wadakkancheri?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— No. At first Mr. V. K. K. Menon was appointed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— Where is he now?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— He is now the Registrar of the Chief Court of Cochin.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar:— For how many hours was he the Munsiff?

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Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—I want notice.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni:—Have there been instances of this kind before—such long delay of 23 days in the filling up of vacancies?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—I want notice.

Mr. E. P. Bhaskara Menon:— The Government explains that this delay was caused by the inevitable steps that had to be taken for the appointment. Will the Government be pleased to enlighten the House as to what particular steps were taken during the period of these 23 days?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— I want notice.

Mr. K. Ayyappan:— These are all relevant facts. Are they not expected to be ready with the facts, Sir?

Mr. President:— For the first day they must be given a chance to get into.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— The Government delayed 25 days to consider the proper person to be appointed as the District Munsiff of Wadakkancheri. Am I right?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— It is in the exigencies that the delay was occasioned

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— The Government took 22 days for filling up that vacancy. They took their time to consider over the question as to the proper person to be appointed and they appointed a proper person. Immediately they found that he was not the proper person and he was sent away. Am I right? Did the man appointed go away after two or three days?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— It is true that he was retransferred after a shortwhile.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Why?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— In the exigencies of service.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:— May I know what that exigency was?

Mr. President:— Exigencies of service.

Lamp posts—Trichur Municipality—payment of costs.

5. Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar:—Will the Government be pleased to state whether Government sanction was given for the payment of money due to Messrs. Brunton and Co., by the Trichur Municipality for the purchase of lamp posts; if so, when?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—No; payment has not been made.

Mr. T. A Ramachandra Ayyar:— May I know the date on which this amount was due to Messrs. Brunton & Co?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—I want notice.

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